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"FEAR NOT . . . ONLY BELIEVE"

"Fear Not . . . Only Believe" was the last sermon Dr. Harris Hibbard Gregg preached and it was only a few minutes before he went to be forever with the Lord whom he loved and served.

"Last Saturday morning Dr. Gregg asked Mrs. Gregg to get his wall motto upstairs by the bed and bring it downstairs where he had been hospitalized since his return from Huntington, W. Va. This done, he spoke a few words of God's faithfulness, asked the Lord to give him rest, turned over and was "absent from the body and present with the Lord."

He was a nationally known Bible teacher, preacher, expositor and faithful follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. He had a brilliant mind, was an omnivorous reader and had traveled all over America, Canada and the British Isles. He was the most humble, gracious and loving Christian we have ever known and through the years he never disappointed us. Too, he had a keen sense of humor. He believed the best of everyone and took people at their face value, therefore he was often hurt. But he was never bitter and never held a grudge.

One of the ministries that he enjoyed so much was The Scripture Press through which he sent tracts, Scripture portions and Bibles to individuals all over the world. In his study are hundreds of letters addressed, stamped and filed with leaflets ready to send to people in all walks of life. He was liberal to the point of giving everything he had. "All that I have and am is from the Lord Jesus—you are welcome to it," he often said.

He knew the Word of God as few men know it and he also knew "the ways of God." No church was too small, no group too few for him to teach them the riches of God's Word. The phrase he used most frequently in his ministry was "Oh, what a wonderful Savior."

Dr. Gregg was one of this writer's dearest friends. He encouraged us in the ministry of the church page and often sent copies of other church pages from newspapers all over the country.



One time in our early experience as a church editor we were terribly disillusioned to find preachers in general and a few in particular heirs to many sins that ordinary people have and showing a spirit of littleness that was disappointing. After relating some of the most trying circumstances we asked Dr. Gregg the question, "What makes them like that?" . . . "Why, they are human beings—just like you." (We got the point.)

Often we would criticize or speak unkindly of someone in his hearing and in his gracious, loving way he would say, "Isn't it a lovely day!" He would take no part in a conversation that hurt another.

Chattanooga has lost her most outstanding Christian, Dr. Gregg's family has lost a wise and loving counselor and we have lost a very dear friend.

The Scripture read at the grave could not be said of many Christians, but it certainly could of Dr. Gregg—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." (I Timothy, 4:7-8.) —Pulpit and Pew, by Hilda Milligan Spence, Chattanooga Free Press.

DR. HARRIS H. GREGG

Word about the death of our beloved "Teacher of Bible," Dr. Harris Hibbard Gregg, was received just as we were starting to print the December NEWSLETTE. We hastily changed the article telling about Dr. Gregg's illness, but now we want to pay tribute to him who so continually paid tribute to His wonderful Saviour.

Dr. Gregg was born in Buffalo, New York, January 10, 1864. He was a graduate of Williams College and took his theological work at the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago.

After his graduation, he filled a home mission assignment in the west for more than ten years. He was a pastor in St. Louis for about fifteen years. He engaged in Bible Conference work in Canada and England as well as throughout the United States. He also held the pastorate of the Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church in Tennessee, the Elm Chapel of Winnipeg, Canada, and the Northshore Baptist Church of Flushing, Long Island.

After giving up active pastoral work in 1938, he retired to the home on Lookout Mountain, where many of us were most graciously entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Gregg. Until gas rationing made it impossible to do so, Mrs. Gregg accompanied Dr. Gregg on his trips to the Bryan University campus. We, as students and staff members, will always remember with grateful appreciation Dr. Gregg's ministry in the chapel and Bible class services. More than two thousand University friends have shared in his Bible teaching ministry through the Sunday School lesson helps mailed out each month during the past five years.

Dr. Gregg was a most loving individual and personified the Grace of God. On the other hand, he was a fearless foe when it came to "defending the Faith" against the foes of God's Word. So-called educators, atheistic, communistic rabble alike learned by experience what it was to come up against this Soldier of the Cross. Dr. Gregg emphasized alike the Grace of God and the Government of God.

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MY WONDERFUL BIBLE

Sinners hate it and saints love it.

It promotes everything good and denounces every evil.

It denounces everything that would cause human sorrow.

Where the Bible is there are hospitals, doctors and all human mercies.

The more this book is given away, the greater its sale.

It is loved by those of every age in life.

It attracts the simplest minds and confounds the deepest thinkers.

It is loved by doctors, lawyers, merchants, bankers of every kind, whereas the libraries pertaining to their own kind of work are not attractive to those outside that line of service.

It is always up-to-date and meets today's needs.

It is so complete in its coverage of all human conditions that no one has ever written a chapter to add anything to it.

It is the only book written in the Orient that is loved throughout the world.

It has survived the ignorance of its friends and the hatred of its enemies.

It has remained on the battlefields of life to preach the funerals of those who opposed it.

It is the only revelation of what lies beyond the tomb.

Its statements are so true that it invites the criticism of historians, archaeologists, scientists, and investigators of every kind.

Its statements are accurate, concerning chemistry, astronomy, geology, mathematics, botany, anatomy, and all other arts and sciences.

—Selected.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wegner
Varney, Kentucky

"We are again happy to send you some of the Lord's goodness to us. We trust it will help in some way to help carry on the work you are doing in His Name.

DR. HARRIS H. GREGG

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After a week's ministry in Charleston, West Virginia, Dr. Gregg started a similar ministry in the Grace Gospel Church of Huntington, West Virginia. Mrs. Gregg joined him on Tuesday, after learning that he was not well. On Thursday night he gave an unusually powerful message, only to collapse before the service Friday night. Rallying sufficiently to make the trip home, Dr. Gregg suffered a relapse and on Saturday, December the 11th, went to be with the Lord.

CHURCHES LOSE

FAITHFUL SERVANT

The death of Dr. Harris Gregg removes from the Chattanooga scene an able and faithful servant of the churches and through them faithful servant of the Master he served. With a frequency all but marvelous for one of his age, Dr. Gregg responded to every call for preaching the gospel and teaching the Bible. Every vacant pulpit constituted an appeal to him which he answered unflinchingly and many times without charge. He possessed a knowledge and understanding of the Bible which made him welcome everywhere and enabled him to fill any call harmoniously. He traveled throughout the eastern section of the South for Bible conferences and his efforts when he was close to four score years of age were surprising both in volume and effectiveness. As everybody's pastor "without portfolio" he will be profoundly missed."—Editorial Chattanooga News-Free Press.

A student:

"Yes, we students are going to miss greatly the weekly Friday morning visits that our Dr. Gregg made to Bryan for the past four years. Dr. Gregg's forceful and clear way of expounding the Word of God has been a blessing and inspiration to every student who has been under his teaching. We thank God for his life and for the privilege we have had of being under his teaching.—P. H.

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A Subscriber Friend:

"Dear Dr. Gregg will be greatly missed there as well as in many places. I had known him for over thirty years—when he had a church in St. Louis. And I have loved and admired him through the years. Not only for his great intellect and his wonderful knowledge of God's

CHRISTMAS DOINGS

The season's activities began December 6th with the annual formal Christmas banquet. The dining hall was artistically decorated with the traditional holly, pine, and mistletoe. The soft glow of candlelight and the beautiful strains of recorded Christmas melodies greeted the guests as they entered. The dinner centered around the turkey which was a generous and much appreciated gift from Major Ryther. The program featured a men's quartet with a soprano obbligato presenting "White Christmas," a special arrangement by Mr. J. W. Hartman, head of the music department. The guest speaker was Dr. T. W. Callaway of Chattanooga.

Following examinations there was a mad rush for home, which left the "stay-at-schoolers" a bit lonely. Spirits were revived, however, as the dining hall was transformed into a comfortable and homelike sitting room with a fireplace as its center. On Christmas eve we gathered here to listen to the radio and exchange gifts. As a special feature of the evening we were invited by Calvin Miller to his room. As we left the dining hall each member of the family received a lighted candle to carry as he climbed the dark stairway. Upon reaching Calvin's room we were treated with good home-made cookies, cake, and cocoa. A brightly lighted tree and tall candles made the room festive. Before retiring we visited the faculty apartments, admiring each lighted tree and the presents beneath.

The next morning we slept late and enjoyed a satisfying and delicious "brunch" at 10 o'clock. Christmas dinner was served at five with turkey again calling forth our praise, this time being a present from Calvin Miller.

During the following week we received a beautiful basket of fruit from Major Ryther and a crate of oranges from Mr. and Mrs. Healan.

Cookies and cocoa after a happy game on New Year's eve and fried chicken for dinner the next day brought our vacation period to a close.

Word, but for his sweet loving Christ-like spirit. All through the years in almost every sermon he would say 'What a wonderful Saviour.' How he loved his Lord and his greatest joy was talking about Him. What rejoicing in heaven over the coming home of this saint."—Mrs. R. J. Maclellan.

DR. RUDD TO MAKE TOUR

President Rudd will spend ten days during the first part of February speaking in various churches, telling of the present program of Bryan and encouraging young people and their parents to make Bryan the college of their choice, offering for the students four years of wonderful, gospel-loving fellowship among a born-again faculty and student body.

The following appearances have thus far been scheduled:

BALTIMORE, MD.

Feb. 9th at 8 P.M.

Arlington Presbyterian Church
Belvedere Ave., near Park Heights

BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

Feb. 10th at 8 P.M.

First Baptist Church

Franklin and Washington Streets

PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

Feb. 11th at 8 P.M.

Eethlehem Presbyterian Church
Broad and Diamond Streets

LANCASTER, PENNA.

Feb. 13th, Morning Service

Calvary Independent Church
Cor. North Duke and Frederick Sts.

READING, PENNA.

Feb. 13th 3 P.M.

Calvary Baptist Church

510 Park Ave., Corner Grace St.

LEBANON, PENNA.

Feb. 13th, Evening Service

First Baptist Church

Third and Walnut Streets

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Feb. 14 at 8 P.M.

Mansfield Gospel Center

80 So. Diamond St.

DAYTON, OHIO

Feb. 15th at 8 P.M.

First Brethren Church

1900 W. 3d Street

COVINGTON, KY.

Feb. 16th at 8 P.M.

Calvary Baptist Church

Opp. Latonia Fire House

Other meetings being scheduled were not closed at the time of going to press.

All Bryan alumni in the respective meeting areas are requested to do all within their power to make the various meetings successful from the standpoint of quantity and quality of attendance. We would also appreciate any effort on the part of those receiving the NEWSETTE to make the time and place of meetings known among their friends and neighbors.

NEW YEAR

He came to my desk with quivering lips,

The lesson was done:

"Dear teacher," he said, "I want a leaf,

I've spoiled this one."

And for the old leaf, stained and blotted,

I gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled—

"Do better now, my child."

I came to the throne with a quivering soul,

The old year was done;

"Dear Father," I said, "have you a new leaf for me?"

I have spoiled this one."

For the old leaf, stained and blotted,

He gave me a new one all unspotted,

And into my sad heart smiled—

"Do better now, my child."

—Kathleen R. Wheeler.

THE DELIVERER

Regardless of his own danger, a brave member of the coast guard descended the face of an overhanging cliff. Showers of stones and pieces of rock might fall. The rope might fray out and break. But a man was in danger. Climbing from the shore too adventurously, he had reached a point where he could not climb either up or down. He was on a narrow ledge of rock in great peril. If he became exhausted or slept, he probably would roll off and be dashed upon the rocks below. His earnest cry was heard. His position of grave need was seen. The coast guard heard him, and, procuring a long rope, one of their number made the descent. Happily he was in time, and was enabled to save the exhausted man, both of the men being hauled to the top amid the rejoicing of all who saw the rescue. Were you ever delivered from such danger? I was, I can say of One who "delivered me" from "so great a death;" I was in great peril, I could in no way deliver myself. But the Lord Jesus Christ came down to deliver. At infinite cost to Himself, the Son of God, veiling His glory, came to die for my sins on the cross of Calvary. It is needless to say that the brave rescuer in the story of the coast guard was thanked by the man he saved, and that every man applauded him. Have you thanked the Great Deliverer? Has your heart gone out in praise to the Lord Jesus, who came to seek and to save the lost?

FRIEND OF YOUTH MOVEMENT

Believing there are many Godly Christians who understand present-day youth and the problems facing them, who would like to unite their efforts and resources with others to give a helping hand to the youth of our land, a movement to this end is launched, named for that stalwart defender of the faith and friend of young people, William Jennings Bryan. It is appropriate that the movement should support the William Jennings Bryan University.

The movement involves the organization of prayer chapters wherever friends of youth may be found who are willing to band together within the movement. District directors located in the more populated areas will give leadership to the perfecting of a chain of chapters in each state. There will be state leaders known as state counsellors who will advise with President Rudd in appointing the district directors and determining any local problems that may arise.

We are happy to announce the name of the first state counsellor to be appointed. He is Mr. Lloyd B. Hershey of Lancaster, who is appointed for his own state of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Brubaker, mother of our student, Joyce Brubaker, will act as secretary for Mr. Hershey.

We will be glad to hear from any of our NEWSETTE friends who will help us spread the movement to other states. Bryan Volunteers will be appointed by President Rudd in small towns and villages, and the University is prepared to offer scholarships to communities organized according to the plans for the movement.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

When someone asked a missionary if he liked his work in Africa, he replied: "Do I like this work? No; my wife and I do not like dirt. We have reasonably refined sensibilities. We do not like crawling into vile huts through goat refuse. We do not like association with ignorant, filthy, brutish people. BUT IS A MAN TO DO NOTHING FOR CHRIST HE DOES NOT LIKE? God pity him, if not. Liking or disliking has nothing to do with it. We have orders to 'go' and we go. Love constrains us." Such a love begets the strength to do the "all things."—Missionary Review.

PROHIBITION KANSAS

Prohibition Kansas has 54 counties without a single case of insanity or feeble-mindedness, 96 counties without a poorhouse or poorfarm, and 56 counties without a single person in

the penitentiary. Certainly it looks as though prohibition works in Kansas in more ways than one. (Reported in 1941.)—*Watchman-Examiner*.

December Gift Receipts

1198\$ 1.00	1256 10.00	1314 5.00	1372 10.00
1199 2.50	1257 1.00	1315 10.00	1373 20.00
1200 1.00	1258 2.00	1316 10.00	1374 5.00
1201 50.00	1259 100.00	1317 3.00	1375 5.00
1202 17.66	1260 10.00	1318 10.00	1376 1.00
1203 10.00	1261 2.00	1319 5.00	1377 20.00
1204 25.00	1262 5.00	1320 2.00	1378 1.00
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1206 5.00	1264 5.00	1322 1.00	1380 25.00
1207 1.00	1265 5.00	1323 1.00	1381 1.00
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1254 3.00	1312 10.00	1370 2.00		
1255 2.00	1313 5.00	1371 5.00		

Total.....\$2,268.14

MENACE OF THE UNCONSECRATED LIFE

For long years it was the practice among farmers to keep what in Scotland was called "the goodman's croft." R. W. Chambers has told us that it was the custom up to nearly three hundred years ago, to keep a bit of the field uncultivated. It was an acknowledgment of the malign forces of the world, allowing them to have a bit of the land for themselves, so they would not injure the growing crops, or tamper with the rest of the field. This particular superstition was discouraged by the Synods of the Church; they passed resolutions urging the farmers to depart from the practice, ministers preached against it, but the custom continued through long years. That little bit of uncultured field became the seed-bed of wild thorns, briars, thistles, nettles and dandelions, and was a menace to the rest, the wind scattering the evil seed from this uncultivated plot. It is possible for us to allow a reservation like this in our lives. One little bit of life unconsecrated will menace all the rest. It gives evil its chance. The only safety lies in being altogether Christ's. When He owns the whole life, and the whole of everything in life, that is our best defense against life's unguarded hours.—J. McBeath.

A Happy New Year!

Dear Friends:

That was really a nice December for us at the University. Thanks to all of you who remembered, and gave.

I'm looking with high hopes for a 1944 filled with God's blessings, and dedicated to His service.

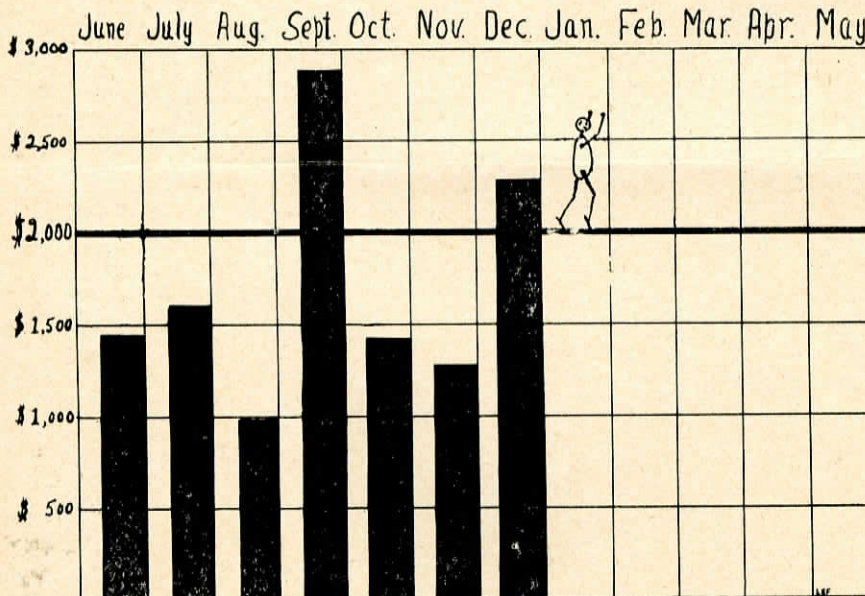
Your friend,

Sam

AN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank our many friends for their gifts, their Christmas greetings, and the various presents received during December. Students and staff alike appreciate the cash gifts received from Dr. and Mrs. Houck of Harrisburg, the oranges received from Mr. and Mrs. Dentler of Deland, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Healan of Winter Garden, Florida. We were also cheered by the double portion of fruits and marmalades received from Major Ryther.

The Newsette



Total to date.....\$11,851.39